

CHAPTER 70.

An act to more effectually enable the board of education to drain swamp lands.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

Board of education may cause swamp lands to be drained.

SECTION 1. That section two thousand five hundred and eight of the the Code be amended by striking out all after the word "reclaimed," in line four of said section, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "shall cause to be constructed such canals, ditches, roads and other necessary works of improvement as the board may deem proper and necessary; and for the purposes of this section it shall be the duty of the board of directors of the penitentiary to furnish the state board of education with a convict force not to exceed one hundred and fifty: *Provided*, that before the said board of education shall proceed to construct any new canal, ditch or road, it shall cause to be examined the state canal now existing, leading from New or Alligator lake in Tyrrell county to Rutman creek in Hyde county; and said board shall assign not less than fifty of the convicts obtained under the provisions of this act to work in repairing said canal, there to be continued until the same shall be put in good condition as was originally contemplated by the board of education."

Convicts to be furnished.

State canal to be examined.

Fifty convicts to repair old canal.

Penitentiary to provide for convicts.

SEC. 2. The said convict force shall be fed, guarded, clothed, maintained and worked by the board of directors of the penitentiary, but the work shall be done under the directions of an engineer to be selected by the board of education.

Engineer to be selected by the board of education.

SEC. 3. That the board of education shall select an engineer and fix his compensation, who shall likewise be the agent of the board; and during his employment in this capacity section two thousand five hundred and twenty-five shall be suspended.